



## KENT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### Holiday String Light Recycling Stations Open

**Grand Rapids, MI** – If you pull your holiday string lights out of the storage box and find that they don't work, please don't trash them! Give them new life by dropping them off in a holiday light collection box at one of Kent County's three recycling stations.

Kent County recently placed special collection boxes at all three recycling drop-off stations to collect string lights from holiday decorating. It is important to collect the string lights separately from the rest of the recyclables because the lights will damage sorting equipment at the Kent County Recycling & Education Center if they are mixed in with other recyclables. Kent County has offered this program since 2014 and has collected and recycled nearly 2.5 tons of string lights since then.

Once full, Kent County will transport the lights to a local metal recycler so the components can be separated and recycled. The boxes will be available until late-January 2017.

#### **Rockford Recycling Station**

North Kent Recycling & Waste Center  
2908 Ten Mile, Rockford  
Monday-Saturday 7:30am-5:00pm

#### **Grand Rapids Recycling Station**

Kent County Recycling & Education Center  
977 Wealthy SW, Grand Rapids  
Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:00pm

#### **Kentwood Recycling Station**

Kentwood Public Works Facility  
5068 Breton Road, Kentwood  
Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:00pm  
(and weekends and evenings when the gates are open)

To learn more about why string lights are NOT accepted in curbside recycling and how to recycle many other things, visit [www.recyclekent.org](http://www.recyclekent.org).

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